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Applicant

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Title

DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD,

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and required fee accompany this paper.